

## Summary: What Is a Region?

### Looking at Regions

Your community is part of a region. A region can be described in different ways. You can tell about the human features of the region, such as the language people speak or the religion they follow. You can also tell about the kind of land in the area or the weather.

There are many types of regions in the United States. One type of region is a land region. A land region has similar kinds of land, water, or plants. For example, the West is a land region made up of mountains. The Midwest has rolling grasslands. Eastern Tennessee is part of the Appalachian region and has mountains like the West.

Land regions can be big or small. A big land region can be a group of states that are located together. A small land region can be a city and the towns around it.

### Regions and Cultures

Another type of region is made up of people and their culture. People in a cultural region have some cultural feature in common. They may have the same beliefs, speak the same language, eat the same food, listen to the same music, or learn the same things in school.

One place can belong to many regions. For example, Jonesborough, Tennessee, is part of the small land region around Johnson City. It is also part of the state of Tennessee. A state is a political region. A political region has official lines that show where the region begins and ends. Jonesborough belongs to the large land region of the South, too.



#### Before You Read

Find and underline each vocabulary word.

**region** *noun*, an area that shares one or more features

**culture** *noun*, the way of life of a group of people



#### After You Read

**REVIEW** What are some different types of land regions in the United States? Highlight three sentences that tell about different types of land regions.

**REVIEW** What is a cultural region? Circle the sentence that tells about the features in common that people in a cultural region can have.